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Dear Sir:

- Transmitted herewith is an amendment in the above-identified application.  
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☐ The fee has been calculated as shown below.  
☐ This is an application of a small entity under 37 CFR 1.9(f), and the amounts shown in parentheses apply.

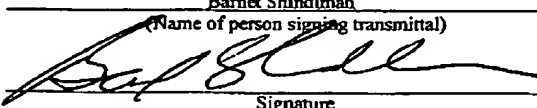
**Claims as Amended**

(1)	(2) Claims remaining after amendment	(3)	(4) Highest number previously paid for	(5) Present extra	(6) Rate	(7) Additional Fee
Total claims	16	Minus	** = 20	* 0 x	\$50 (25)	= \$ 0
Independent claims	12	Minus	** = 12	* 0 x	\$200 (100)	= \$ 0
Total additional fee for this amendment						\$ 0

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 \*\* If the highest number of total claims previously paid for is less than 20, write "20" in this space.  
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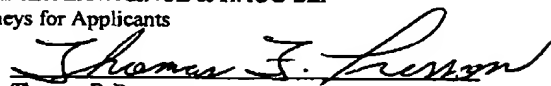
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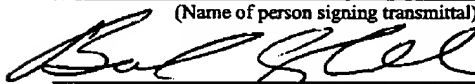
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Dear Sir:

In response to the Non-Final Office Action mailed on December 9, 2005, having a three-month statutory period for response set to expire on March 9, 2006, please amend the above-captioned application as follows.

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**Amendments to the Specification** begin on page 3 of this paper.

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims, which begins  
on page 5 of this paper.

**Remarks/Arguments** begin on page 14 of this paper.